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Department of Health offices will close January 28 for temporary layoff

OLYMPIA — All Washington State Department of Health offices will be closed to the public on Friday, January 28 due to state budget reductions.

The law, ESSB 6503, calls for reductions in agencies that are part of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. Ten temporary layoff days are part of the package that will reduce spending by an estimated \$70 million. January 28 is the sixth of those days, which extend from July 2010 through June of 2011.

A few agency employees in patient safety and laboratory testing are exempt from the temporary layoffs and will work regular schedules. The Department of Health is headquartered in Tumwater. It also has offices at Spokane, Yakima, Richland, Kent, and Shoreline.

Regular office hours will resume Monday, January 31. A complete list of [state agency temporary layoff days](#) (www.doh.wa.gov/OS/temporary-layoff.htm) is available online.

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